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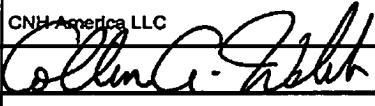
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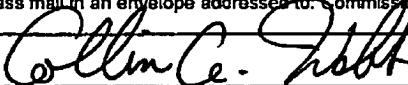
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Filing Date: June 24, 2003) Art Unit: 3671
Title: MODULAR BACKHOE-) Confirm. No.: 9994
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In response to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, Applicants request a two-month extension of time and consideration of this Amendment to the above-identified application, in which:

The section entitled "Changes to the Claims" begins on page 2; and

The section entitled "Remarks" begins on page 8.